

CLASSIFICATION <u>SECRET</u>		SECURITY INFORMATION	
COUNTRY <u>East Germany</u>	Approved For Release 2002/07/15 : CIA-RDP80-00810A001100480005-2		
TOPIC <u>Altenburg Airfield</u>	25X1A		
EVALUATION <u>25X1X</u>	PLACE OBTAINED <u>25X1C</u>		
DATE OF CONTENT <u>25X1C</u>			
DATE OBTAINED <u>8 April 1953</u>			
REFERENCES			
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REMARKS			
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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Altenburg airfield between 6 and 8 March 1953:

6 March. Two jet fighters were observed over the field at 1 p.m., when the sky was 8/10 overcast. The planes landed at 1:20 p.m. No air activity was observed up to 1:50 p.m. when two MiG-15s took off from the northern edge of the runway. The planes climbed quickly, flew above the scattered cloud base for some time and landed at 2:20 p.m. Two additional MiG-15s took off at 2:30 p.m.

7 March. At 9 p.m., four swept-back jet fighters with set position lights took off and disappeared that they could no longer be heard. The sky was not completely overcast. Source observed that the boundary lights were switched on while the flare path was apparently not lighted. After about 30 minutes, a searchlight in the southeastern section of the field flashed up and rotated. Shortly afterward, the jet planes appeared and flew over the field, while the rotary searchlight was switched off. Shortly before the first plane touched ground, three searchlights at the northern end of the runway were switched on and lighted the runway. After the landing of the last plane, these searchlights were turned off again. A few minutes later, two swept-back jet fighters took off.

8 March. At 5 p.m., two MiG-15s were aloft. There was a 7/10 overcast. Two additional planes with auxiliary fuel tanks                      took off at 5:15 p.m. Twenty MiG-15s took off at 7 p.m. Four of them belonged to the alert flight on the northern end of the runway.

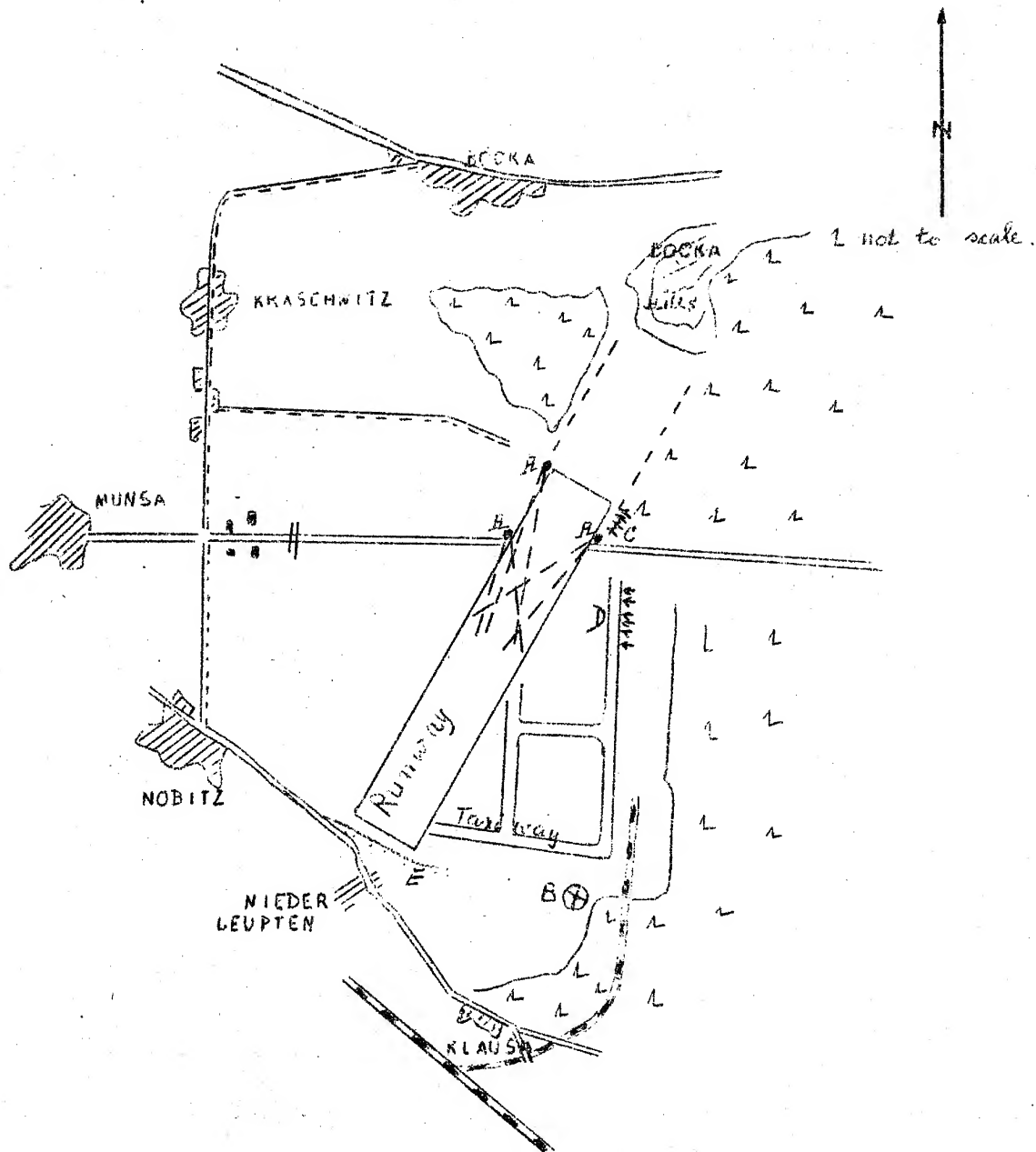
Comment. Altenburg airfield is occupied by a fighter regiment. For location of searchlights, see Annex.

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Altenburg AirfieldLegend:

- A Three searchlights
- B Rotary searchlight
- C Alert flight
- D Dispersal area for 15 MiG-15s
- E Board fence

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